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FOR DAY AND DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, LE

SUBJECT: AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT HOSPITAL FUNDING

REF: (A) BEIRUT 4854, (B) STATE 131031, (C) STATE 138519

1. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CHIEF OF STAFF SAM ASPER RAISED WITH RAY HUNT QUESTION OF AUH FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. WE HAVE NOT HAD A RESPONSE TO EMBTEL 4854 WHICH DESCRIBED THE CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION AT AUH AND REQUESTED EXPLORATION OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINGENCY FUND. A GRANT OF UP TO 1.8 MILLION WAS REQUESTED. ARE FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND AND DO YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY BEIRUT TO SUPPORT THIS REQUEST?

2. AUH DOING EXCELLENT JOB UNDER EXTREMELY TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WHILE USG IS NOW PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH URGENTLY NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES, THEY ARE BADLY IN NEED OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. AUH CONTINUES SERVE AS MAIN RECEIVING HOSPITAL OF MOST SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN WEST BEIRUT AREA. DURING PAST MONTH AUH HAS TAKEN IN CASUALTIES AT RATE UP TO 100 PER DAY AND SURGICAL TEAMS HAVE OFTEN PERFORMED 25 MAJOR OPERATIONS DURING 24#HOUR PERIOD. TO DIFFICULT WAR SITUATION HAVE BEEN ADDED NEAR CRITICAL WATER SHORTAGE, FUEL SHORTAGE AND STRINGENT STAFF LIMITATIONS.

3. SINCE THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOSPITAL CONTINUES TO  
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DETERIORATE, WE HOPE ALL POSSIBLE BEING DONE TO FIND EMERGENCY

FUNDING FOR AUH. WE WILL PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
NEEDED TO ADD TO THE JUSTIFICATION.  
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